

PEACE IS NOT YET

But Washington Officials are Not Discouraged.

A FRUITLESS CONFERENCE

While It Is Going on General MacArthur Continues to Engage the Attention of the Natives About Calumpit and Impress Upon Them the Beauties and Advantages of Peace.

Washington, May 3.—General Otis made no mention in his report to the war department today of the progress of the negotiations with the insurgents for a cessation of hostilities, but that fact did not abate the confidence of officials in the ultimate success of the pending attempts to arrive at an understanding.

There is a belief at the war department that the Filipino leaders are thoroughly discouraged, and it is suspected that the next step in the peace negotiations will be a wholesale effort on the part of individual Filipinos in the insurgent ranks to make terms for themselves without reference to others. Meanwhile there may be some small engagements between the outposts, but nothing like a general battle is expected.

NOTHING AGREED UPON.

Manila, May 3.—There was a conference lasting two hours today between Major-General Otis and the envoys from General Antonio Luna bearing a proposal for a cessation of hostilities. General Otis adhered to his refusal to recognize the so-called government of the insurgents. The Filipinos ask for a truce of three months to enable Aguinaldo to summon the congress and consult with the insurgent leaders. The envoys admitted the contention of General Otis that Aguinaldo has little control over affairs outside of the island of Luzon.

The question of the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos was mentioned, and Major Manuel Arguelles, the chief member of the delegation, said he considered them as being in the same category with Americans, the United States being the successor of Spain in the dominion over the islands and acquiring by treaty all Spanish rights and obligations.

After the close of the conference with General Otis, the envoys had a consultation with the United States Philippine commissioners.

Today the envoys acknowledged the pretense under which they came to General Otis that they represented General Antonio Luna, and announced that they came as representatives of Aguinaldo himself. The two emissaries used all their wiles to secure a reply from General Otis to a letter from General Luna, Aguinaldo's prime minister and minister of foreign affairs in the dictator's cabinet, which they presented to General Otis yesterday, but General Otis refused to make a reply on the ground that it would be equivalent to a recognition of the so-called government of the Filipinos. Arguelles said Aguinaldo also knew he would be overpowered in time, but would be able to continue the fight and would do so unless given what Major Arguelles termed "peace with dignity."

FIGHTING IN THE OUTSKIRTS.

Manila, May 4.—(Noon).—General MacArthur is now assaulting the town of San Tomas, about five miles northwest of Calumpit. The Americans are fighting for the bridge and the rebels are burning the town.

THE YORKTOWN'S MEN.

Washington, May 3.—The following cablegram was received from Admiral Dewey:

"The following are the Yorktown prisoners at the insurgent headquarters at San Isidro: Lieutenant Gilmore, Chief Quartermaster William Walton, Sailmakers Mate Paul Vandert, Corvswain John Ellsworth; apprentices of the third class, Albert Peterson, Landsman Sylvio Briselese, Landsman Paul Edwards and Landsman Fred Andersen. Provisions have been sent them by Otis. We are continuing inquiries about the fate of the other seven."

(Signed) "DEWEY."

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Not a Great Falling Off in Receipts From March.

Washington, May 3.—Treasury receipts for last month held up fairly well. The receipts are close to \$22,000,000, and of customs in the neighborhood of \$17,500,000. This is not such a heavy falling off from March, which was a record breaker. The internal revenue receipts were \$22,671,107, and customs \$20,933,436. The greatest decrease is in customs. This was expected, as the customs receipts in March are always heavy. For April, 1898, the customs receipts were \$14,193,876, and the internal revenue \$14,819,637. Compared with a year ago, therefore, both customs and internal revenue show large gains.

The deficit for last month is over \$5,000,000, owing to heavy expenditures. The war department alone will stand credited with more than \$15,000,000 expense during the month. Interest payments have also been heavy. In April, 1898, the receipts were deficient by many millions to cover the expenditures, as that was the beginning of hostilities with Spain. Even then the army expenditures were only \$6,223,814. For the first ten months of the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1898, the total expenditures on account of the war department were \$55,140,491. For the same length of time of the present fiscal year the expenditures will approximate \$210,000,000. The enormous increase is easily seen. The navy spent the same periods \$40,249,164, and approximately \$55,500,000.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

Washington, May 3.—Stanton Sickles of New York has been appointed secretary of the United States legation at Madrid.

SHE FELL ON A LAMP.

Oakland, Cal., May 3.—Mrs. Ruth Platt, wife of Dr. George H. Platt, was burned to death. Her husband went into her bedroom and found her lying on the floor wrapped in flames. An alcohol lamp was beneath her. During a fainting spell she fell upon the floor with the lamp under her.

DIED OF HYDROPHOBIA.

Pasadena, Cal., May 3.—Hiram M. Staats, a prominent real estate man, died today of hydrophobia. He was bitten some months ago by a pet dog, while protecting his 4-year-old son, who was also bitten. The boy was taken east for treatment. No signs of the disease have appeared in him yet.

UTE RESERVATION RUSH.

Home Seekers Gathered in Readiness for the Opening.

Durango, Colo., May 3.—About 100 homeseekers were lined up at the land office at noon prepared to make filings on claims in the Ute reservation, which will be opened for settlement at noon tomorrow. Many stood in line all night and the number is being augmented.

SAVINGS OF SOLDIERS.

Reports Received by the Paymaster-General of the Army.

Washington, May 3.—Reports received by the paymaster-general of the army indicate that United States troops in the outlying possessions of the United States are making practical demonstration of thrift and economy. From July, 1898, to February, 1899, the sum of \$763,554 was deposited by the soldiers, and under the law, will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent. This is \$150,000 more than was deposited during the entire previous year. Of the total deposits \$173,849 belongs to soldiers in the Philippines, \$216,000 to soldiers in Cuba, and \$373,705 to soldiers in Porto Rico. These amounts do not represent only the savings of soldiers from their salaries, but also their profits from various outside speculations and enterprises.

BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE.

Mining Machinery Destroyed at Juneau by Unknown Person.

Port Townsend, Wash., May 3.—Reports brought down by the steamer Farallon indicate that Juneau, Alaska, is in a fever of excitement over the blowing up of mining machinery by unknown parties. On the night of April 19 a fifty-horse power boiler was destroyed by dynamite at the Boston group of mines. After the explosion the Juneau chamber of commerce issued a call for a mass meeting of citizens. An immense crowd gathered at the opera house and resolutions were passed denouncing the outrage and pledging themselves to use every means of bringing the guilty parties to justice.

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SCATTERING RIOTERS

The Boasted Resistance Will Not Take Place.

Constables Under Protection of the Colored Troops are Searching the Hills About Wardner for Participants in the Outrage.

Wardner, Idaho, May 3.—The present indications are that by the time authorities can act, Saturday's rioters will be scattered all over the earth. Their impression on getting home was that the affair was ended, feeling secure and defiant. But when the troops arrived at Wardner, many became panic-stricken. The estimates are that 200 left Canyon Creek yesterday and today.

Wild rumors regarding the action of the Canyon Creek men gain credence even here. Rioters still leave by every train. The Northern Pacific runs an extra coach well loaded to Wardner. It is claimed that many Butte men who arrived last week are now leaving.

GATHERING THEM IN.

Wardner, Idaho, May 3.—Fifty-four warrants have been sworn out and constables are making arrests under the protection of the colored troops. The dynamiters are fleeing to the hills. Cabins are being searched and the towns are wild with excitement. Jack Smith's body will be brought back from Canyon Creek today and an inquest will be commenced. Cheyne's body is now on the way back from Spokane for an inquest.

NO SERIOUS TROUBLE IN SIGHT.

Washington, May 3.—The war department does not anticipate serious trouble at Wardner after the troops now on the way arrive. General Merriam sent the following dispatch: "Adjutant General Corbin, May 3. 'Boise, Idaho, May 3. 'Arrived this morning. Conference with governor discloses great difficulties in dealing with the rioters. Some hope of identifying the offenders through the coroner's inquest to be held tomorrow at Wardner. One union man is dead and one non-union man mortally wounded. The destruction of mining property was very great. Troops from Boise, Vancouver, Walla Walla and Spokane are moving to Wardner today. Troops from Harrison, Aselton, Russell and Douglas have been ordered to Mullain. I will go to Wardner tonight myself. The number of non-union miners in the district is about 1,500. The number armed and acting in the riots is about 100."

ANOTHER HAUL MADE.

Wardner, Idaho, May 3.—A company of the Fourth cavalry from Walla Walla arrived here at noon. Thirty-five dynamiters were arrested in one group, and others are now being picked up. There are now sixty under arrest at the soldiers' camp.

TRISCO DOG SHOW.

San Francisco, May 3.—The San Francisco Kennel club opened its exhibition today. Over 600 dogs, including every variety and many prize winners from all over the United States, are on exhibition.

GOVERNMENT CABLE LINES.

Will Be Taken to the Philippines By the Hooker.

Washington, May 3.—General Greely states that the United States transport Hooker will be placed under the orders of Major Joseph E. Maxfield for the purpose of laying a military cable in the Philippines. The Hooker will sail Monday from New York, carrying with her Major Maxfield, Lieutenant Clarke and twenty-five men of the regular signal corps to replace the signal corps volunteers in the Philippines. The ship carries 212 miles of deep sea cable, which is loaded in three pieces. Cable machinery, cable tanks and testing appliances of the most improved pattern and all the gear necessary for laying, recovering and repairing submarine cable have been supplied. The cable is entirely of American manufacture.

The cable will be used to connect such islands and such points as Major General Otis may deem necessary for military administration. It is expected that this system will supplement the cable lines of the Eastern Extension Telegraph company to such an extent that General Otis will be able to communicate speedily with any and all of the important islands of the Philippine archipelago.

Major Maxfield, who is in command of the expedition, is a graduate of Harvard, has served seventeen years in the signal corps, has had charge of the signal corps school of instruction and performed gallant and distinguished service in Cuba.

The progress of the expedition will be watched with interest, it being the first effort of American manufacturers and American officers to lay a deep sea cable of such length in distant waters.

In addition to the cable the Hooker carries materials and instruments for 1,000 miles of land lines, 100 telegraph offices and 100 telephone stations. These supplies, with those already in the Philippines, are sufficient for the construction of 2,000 miles of telegraph and cable lines. The present Philippine system consists of about 300 miles of cable and 1,850 miles of telephone lines. The cables are those of the Eastern Extension Telegraph company, laid and maintained under concessions and with promises of subsidies from Spain. The land lines are now the property of the United States, but fully 1,700 miles are now occupied and operated by the Filipinos. The Hooker sails through the Suez canal and should reach Manila about June 20.

LIUTENANT NEALL'S CASE.

San Francisco, May 3.—The defense in the case against Lieutenant Neall has opened and closed and the case has been finished so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. Written arguments for the prosecution and defense will be submitted to the military court next Monday.

ARIZONA BANKS.

Report of the Controller of the Currency.

Washington, May 3.—(Special).—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Arizona at the close of business on April 5 as reported to the controller of the currency shows the average reserve to have been 39.42 per cent, against 42.04 per cent on February 4; loans and discounts, increase from \$1,065,190 to \$1,125,951; stocks and securities from \$127,295 to \$136,992; due from national banks, not reserve agents, from \$176,710 to \$236,108; due from state banks and bankers, increase from \$95,442 to \$120,248; due from approved reserve agents, from \$488,107 to \$509,523; gold coin, decrease from \$248,735 to \$198,725; total specie, from \$263,242 to \$212,471; lawful money reserve, from \$304,360 to \$256,032; total resources, increase from \$2,505,000 to \$2,689,753; due to other national banks, from \$6,215 to \$7,437; due to other banks and bankers, from \$11,888 to \$203,300; individual deposits, from \$1,512,727 to \$1,977,726.

An increase of pension has been granted to Jacob Meyer of Fort Grant, Ariz., from \$17 to \$24.

A PATENT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO GEORGE W. HAMILTON OF GLOBE FOR CAR COUPLING.

SECURING SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, May 3.—A battery of sixteen 12-inch rifled mortars is being put in place at Fort Point and military engineers say that when they are set up the Golden Gate will be impregnable.

EXPATRIATED SOLDIERS.

San Juan de Porto Rico, May 3.—Several hundred soldiers who were discharged from the United States army three weeks ago are awaiting transportation home. They are without funds and are becoming exasperated over the delay.

FURNACE WORKERS STRIKE.

New Castle, Pa., May 3.—A general strike of furnace workers occurred here last night, causing all the furnaces to be closed down. About 900 men are affected. The recent increase in wages was not deemed sufficient.

HE FAVORS HANNA.

Cleveland, O., May 3.—In an interview here today Hon. Chauncey M. Depew said he favored the continuance of Senator Hanna as chairman of the republican national committee.

EXPECTANT SPAIN.

A Commission Waiting at Manila for More Money.

COUNTRY STANDS IN

No Adverse Political Effect of Philippine Situation.

Representative Smith Says that He Has Just Returned From Illinois and the People Want War Pushed to Successful Conclusion.

Washington, May 3.—The statement made by Senator Frye in an interview yesterday that the prolonged fighting in the Philippines is something which the peace commissioners did not anticipate, carries with it the suggestion that the struggle may have an adverse effect upon the political fortunes of the republican party in the coming elections. Some of the leaders of the party in Washington have, in fact, intimated their serious fears as to the effect which the Philippine situation may have upon the party, but these doubts are not shared by Representative Smith of Illinois.

"Of course," said he, "I regret that there should be any occasion for fighting in the Philippines, and I should be glad to see the trouble speedily settled. I would not for a moment, however, have the president withdraw our troops or follow any other policy except that of establishing absolute American control."

"Do you think congress ought to meet to aid the president in solving the Philippine problem?"